

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

No TV corporation should be able to use the public airways to further their corporate and political goals... there are other avenues for these messages that are getting plenty of attention...and for him to dictate what local TV produces are going to offer their viewers is simply unamerican and wrong and the FCC should make a stand.

Sinclair's actions show exactly why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.